Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

It has been a great start to 2016 and fantastic to see children running into school so enthusiastically after the winter break. As you will see on twitter (@TbsKathmandu) the range of activities this week has been extensive. It really is a vibrant place to be!

Mr. Priest and I will be travelling to London next week to recruit teachers for 2016-17. Whilst we will miss being in school, we will enjoy meeting potential new colleagues. To help us recruit efficiently, it would be good if parents could keep Mrs. Tumika Sthapit-Priest informed if you do know that you will be leaving Kathmandu in the coming year (tsthapit-priest@tbs.edu.np). Thank you in advance!

**Thank you to the parents who came to the Parents’ Forum** on Tuesday. The powerpoint we shared is on the website - Parent Forum - with short notes detailing new questions parents wanted to raise. Thank you for all the suggestions and we hope it was useful.

**Library Saturday Opening!**

From Saturday 16th January 2016 the TBS Library will be open from 10.00am to 1.00pm. We would like to invite all TBS children, parents and students to come along, borrow books and enjoy using the great facilities in the library. If you have suggestions for new books please email our Librarian Mrs. Chitrakar or stop by the Library!

**TBS Students’ University Offers!**

All the students in Year 13 are working hard to gain the grades they need for their next steps. They currently hold offers from some excellent UK universities including Royal Holloway, Oxford Brooks, King’s London, SOAS, Leeds, Keele, Derby, Manchester Metropolitan and Sheffield Hallam. We will all support them as they strive to ensure they gain these grades!

**Fundraising success!**

The Christmas Bazaar raised 118,225 NRs for our community projects. Thanks to all the parents, students, teachers and staff for the many contributions to this very successful event!
TBS Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) success

The PSAT is a preliminary or practice SAT test that allows students to get a feel for what taking the SAT is like (the test that many US colleges and universities ask for) as well as giving them a score that helps them understand their strengths and weaknesses across the various sections. This is extremely useful in focussing student’s test preparation as well as helping them to begin to match themselves to suitable colleges in the USA. This is why 3.5 million students a year worldwide undertake this voluntary test. Our students had some fantastic results and special mention to Jaeaeun, Anindiya and Joong who were the top performers! Read more on the website.

Decorative flag

Surely no home should be without one! The TBS 50 years souvenir flag is now available at the TBS Community Shop for the bargain basement price of 500NRs. Available in any colour you like (as long as it is red or blue).

Request for Fabric

On the 27th February the TBS Art Department will be hosting a Community Art Event and we are asking for any donations of clean, unused fabric that we can use to create art work with during the event. If you have any types of fabric that you would like to donate to our event, could you please drop it off at Primary or Secondary Reception.

Visit by Marc Tyler

“Never have I ever been so captured by someone’s speech. Marc had changed the minds of multiple students, including myself, and he knew that. He easily grasped the attention of everyone in the room and spoke with not only humor but honesty. His presentation was definitely captivating and his story on how he never took ‘no’ for an answer was truly inspirational” - Tencho, Year 9 - feedback regarding our international author visit!

TBS Activities Week & Winter Football Camp

The Activities Week and Winter football camp held during the holidays was a huge success. Thanks to Ms. Moktan for organising the activities week and to Coach Gyawari for the 2 weeks of footballing joy. We look forward to more success for TBS on the football field in 2016!

University news

The spring sees a final flurry of visits from international universities to TBS. In January we are welcoming the University of British Columbia (Canada) and the University of Indiana (USA) to speak to interested students. Both these institutions are keen to visit TBS thanks to the very high calibre of students we have sent their way in the past. Gone, but not forgotten from the Class of 2015 are Chetan (who has been a featured student at Indiana and can still be caught talking about his experiences on their website) and Tenzin (a multiple scholarship winner at UBC) who are trailblazing a path for future TBS students with their impressive performances. It’s fantastic to be able to forge links between school and these and similar institutions. Our alumni are a credit to the school and these relationships will ensure that current students have some superb options available to them when considering their post-TBS careers. University visits are intended for Sixth Form students who are decision making about these choices, but if any parents or younger students are interested in finding out more they can contact Miss Caines (gcaines@tbs.edu.np) or Miss Khetan (nkhetan@tbs.edu.np) in the Sixth Form Office to make arrangements.

Tea Time Club

Sometimes we all need some time out and a break from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives (especially when our everyday lives are in a school!) so from Term 3 there will be a Tea Time Club every lunch time. Tea Time Club will be a safe space with different teachers and Nicole, our counsellor. There will be peaceful activities each day to help any students who are feeling overwhelmed, are a little bit shy or just enjoy a more peaceful lunchtime. It will also be open to any students who need help with or some time and space for completing homework. Tea Time Club will be on the list with the other clubs if students want to sign up, but everyone will be welcome and we are open to suggestions from students (or parents) for the sorts of activities that they would like to do. Any questions please contact Miss Hands: ahands@tbs.edu.np